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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments and following remarks. By virtue of the amendments above, Claims 25 and 51 have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Currently, therefore, Claims 1-54 are pending in the present application, of which, Claims 1, 10, 18, 25, 29, 37, 46, and 51 are independent.

No new matter has been introduced by way of the claim amendments; entry thereof is therefore respectfully requested.

Improper Indication of Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119

The Official Action indicates that a claim for foreign priority has been acknowledged and that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received. There, however, appears to be an error because Applicants have not claimed foreign priority nor have they submitted any copies of priority documents in the present application.

The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the acknowledgement that foreign priority has been claimed.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Official Action indicates that Claims 1-24 and 29-54 are allowable over the cited documents of record. The Official Action also indicates that Claims 25-29 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. By virtue of the amendments above to Claim 25, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections

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under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph have been overcome. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to issue an allowance of Claims 1-54.

Information Disclosure Statement

The indication that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 9, 2003 has been considered is noted with appreciation.

Drawings

The indication that the drawings submitted on July 9, 2003 have been accepted is also noted with appreciation.

Specification

The Specification has been objected to because of the text contained on page 24, line 5. By virtue of the amendment above, the paragraph in which the objected to text appears has been deleted. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection to the Specification.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Official Action sets forth a rejection of Claims 25-29 as allegedly being indefinite. Claim 25 has been amended in various respects as suggested in the Official Action and to be in better compliance with the provisions set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of Claims 25-29.

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Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would assist in resolving any issues pertaining to the allowability of the above-identified application, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Please grant any required extensions of time and charge any fees due in connection with this request to deposit account no. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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